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PBA Field of 20 Set for 27th Annual Round1 Japan Cup Event in Tokyo

SEATTLE — A field of 20 Professional Bowlers Association stars, led by points leader Jason Belmonte of Australia, and including record-setting PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., will compete in the 27th Round1

Japan Cup Nov. 28-30 at Minami Suna Round1 Bowling Center in Tokyo.

The top 16 PBA members who qualified for the Japan Cup based upon competition points earned during the past season include

Belmonte; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio; Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif.; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J.; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; defending champion Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich.; Stuart Williams of England; Dan MacLelland of

Canada; Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; Jason Sterner of McDonough, Ga.; Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, and Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.

Four players invited by the Japan Cup organizing committee include Finland's Osku Palermaa; Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla.; Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli.
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IN THE NEWS

Pat Brown, Ray Eddy III Selected for Budweiser MMBA Hall of Fame

• PAT BROWN of Holt and Ray Eddy III of Saginaw were selected into the Budweiser Michigan Majors Hall of Fame from a 12-man election committee made up of sports writers and two from the Michigan Majors. A total of 70 percent of the votes cast (42) needed for election.

There were five members on the ballot. Eddy received 45 points and Brown 42. The others received — Tony Stipcak 40, Travis Franz 35 and Steve Murnighan 17. Eddy and Brown will be inducted on Nov. 16 at the 41st annual MMBA Championship banquet.

Ray Eddy III has been a MMBA member for 15 years, participating in 78 tournaments. He is a winner of five titles — Chez Ami 1999, Championship twice in 2009 and 2012 (a MMBA major), Tournament of Champions 2010 (a MMBA Major). He has five 300 games in MMBA competition, making the finals 20 times while cashing in 34 tournaments. Eddy

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USBC, BPAA Invest \$5 Million in Youth Membership Program

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) and United States Bowling Congress (USBC) are making an unprecedented investment in the growth of youth bowling by committing \$5 million in support of a new youth membership and activation program. The new program significantly lowers cost for families and establishes a bowling industry field staff dedicated to youth initiatives.

Beginning August 1, 2014, the new USBC Youth membership will be offered by International Bowling Campus (IBC) Youth Development at a price of \$4. The new membership includes a membership card, a certified average and the eligibility to participate in USBC certified events. All current base USBC Youth membership products will be discontinued. Simple upgrade options for Bowlopolis and Junior Gold programs will remain.

Bowling centers, rather than USBC local associations, will have processing responsibility under the new program. If a center operator and USBC local association have a good customer service system and prefer to continue association processing, the center and association are encouraged to collaborate on details of a mutually beneficial partnership.

In 2011, the IBC Youth Development Team was created to combine the resources of the USBC and BPAA youth programs under one umbrella. Historically, USBC and its predecessor organizations funded

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The latest country to join the field of 52 PBA International competitors is South Korea. Australia will send the largest international contingent (eight bowlers) followed by Japan (seven).

Nations represented in the WSOB for the first time are Argentina, Bermuda, Czech Republic, Ecuador and Ireland.

Participating countries, with number of players in parenthesis, include:

Argentina (1), Australia (8), Bahrain (4), Bermuda (1), Canada (3), Colombia (1), Czech Republic (1), Denmark (3), Ecuador (1), England (5), Finland (2), Ireland (1), Japan (7), Korea (1), Mexico (3), Puerto Rico (1), Russia (1), Saudi Arabia (2), Sweden (2) and Venezuela (4).

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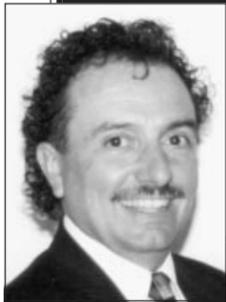
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Time to Review Prize Lists, Officer Salaries

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• WITH THE season already several weeks in, it's time to attend to some items such as the prize list.

USBC Rule 117a specifies that the league prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for consideration within five weeks after the start of the season. While there is no penalty to non-compliance, the longer a league waits to resolve this issue potentially the worse it can get. Many leagues specify in their league bylaws that prize money is paid on a per point basis and in this case this rule has already been addressed. For those leagues that have no such protocol for prize lists in their bylaws this needs to get done.

Speaking of prize lists, when developing a prize list make sure it's not too top heavy. Making a prize list too top heavy isn't necessarily in the best interest of the league. Just because your team finishes on top doesn't necessarily mean that your prize money should cover all of your expenses for the entire year. Bowlers need to remember that part of the weekly fee you pay goes for lineage to the center. Much like when

you bowl in a tournament only a portion of your entry fee goes towards a prize list, same in a league. Ideally a well constructed prize list will return the prize fee portion of your weekly fees to teams that finish in the top one-third or top one-half of the league.

League officer salaries should be specified in the league bylaws. If they are not it is something that needs to be addressed for next year.

League officer salaries should be based on either the number of teams or the number of bowlers. This way the officers get compensated for increased number of teams and the league gets protected if there are less teams than expected.

Generally league secretaries and treasurers should be paid in the neighborhood of \$20 to \$30 per team or \$3 to \$5 per bowler for the season. This amount may change also if the bowling center is doing the league sheets. If the bowling center is doing the league sheets, league secretaries should receive less.

The bottom line is that leagues should try to keep their expenses to a minimum in order to maximize the return to the bowlers.

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JACKPOTS

There was a time in this great sport of ours when competition derived from league bowling was enough to satisfy the competitive juices in all of us. Times have changed, however not necessarily for the better.

In many leagues today the cost to enter all of the optional jackpots has become greater than the actual cost to compete in

MICHIGAN KINGPINS

• DID YOU CATCH the latest episode of Michigan Kingpins? Michigan Kingpins is a monthly video news magazine of the latest bowling news from the Bowling Capital of the World.

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the league (weekly fees). As a result the "total" cost to compete in the league has become more than many bowlers can afford resulting in both loss of bowlers and members.

Under USBC Rule 103b(1) the league board of directors has control of activities within the league which would include jackpots.

The league board of directors should review each of the jackpots that are run in the league to determine if those jackpots are in the best interests of the league. Also the league board of directors should insure that the jackpots are being operated properly. If there is a cut being taken from the jackpots by the collectors this should be made clear to those bowlers who pay their money. If there is any question regarding the operation of the jackpots the board of directors should get the answer and see to it that everything is being run properly.

The league board of directors has a huge responsibility to make sure the league re-

mains strong and maintaining the league in the spirit that it was intended by the membership. This is a key ingredient to that responsibility.

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LEAGUE CERTIFICATIONS COMING IN

Has your league certified on time this year? Each year a number of leagues don't attend to this requirement and lose precious benefits as a result. This is the time of year that all leagues should be sure that your certification application, membership application cards and money has been turned in to the Metro Detroit USBC Association. One of the key points for leagues to be eligible for full bonding and award protection is to file your certification application within 30 days of the league start date. If you have a question about whether your league application has been filed please call the Association office at (248) 443-2695.

USBC, BPAA Invest \$5 Million in Membership

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operating expenses associated with youth programs directly from youth membership fees. This structure led to escalating membership cost that peaked at \$17 and created a barrier for introducing children to bowling.

The new youth membership structure and investment from BPAA and USBC changes the model to enhance affordability and ease of participation.

"There is often plenty of conversation that longs for the past and a return to the heyday of bowling. Today we proudly move forward and embrace a vision - a shared vision that includes a tangible commitment toward protecting bowling's future," USBC President Andrew Cain said. "By truly investing in this new youth initiative, we are able to simplify the product and build new avenues for recruitment and retention through cooperation of associations and proprietors.

"Bowling is a grassroots activity and true growth occurs within our local communities of families and friends. We want a new generation to fall in love with bowling, and to have the current generation be inspired to reach out and put the ball in their hands."

A new online portal will be introduced for bowling centers to process youth memberships. The new portal also will include functionality for parents to register children directly into leagues and buy memberships online. A long-term program goal is for parents to exclusively self-register their children for leagues - a model that has proven highly successful for other youth sports. Additional information on the new processing portal will be released no later than March 1, 2014.

The \$5 million BPAA and USBC investment will come over several years. Plans call for all major IBC Youth programs such as tournaments, in-school bowling through Bowlers Ed, Bowlopolis, and USA Bowling to continue with a new field staff dedicated to growing those programs and membership.

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Put simply, Bowling Buddy helps bowlers

learn proper timing, a leveraged swing plane and a feel that develops muscle memory.

The dynamic new product is enthusiastically endorsed by Collegiate National Champion, Team USA Star and Teen Masters Champion Ashly Galante and many other top bowlers as it is making its way into pro shops and coaching programs everywhere.

"I love the Bowling Buddy," said Galante. "You can use it at home while you are working out, or at the center to warm up before a league or tournament. It teaches your arm and body the way the swing is supposed to feel and I have not seen any-

thing else that does that. I don't hesitate to recommend it to anyone, including the students I teach."

Other professionals using and praising the product are Gold Coach Ron Hoppe, Gold Medalist Lucy Sandelin and PBA star Ryan Ciminelli.

Eileen's Bowling Buddy was developed by bowler and company founder Rex Byron about three years ago, and after extensive testing and more than 20 prototypes, it is ready for the bowling marketplace.

Byron's mom Eileen was the inspiration for the product, and for his wife Sandy, it has become a full-time job with marketing, order taking and shipping. Both Rex and



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• ALTHOUGH VETERAN's Day isn't officially celebrated until November, the bowling community is constantly raising funds to support our VA hospitals nationwide.

The Bowlers to Veterans Link was founded in 1942 by a group of bowlers who wanted to help boost the spirits of our active duty troops. When World War II hostilities drew to a close, we made a promise to veterans recuperating in hospitals across the country: We won't forget your sacrifice.

Today, there is a national network of volunteers raising funds to continue this mission. BVL dollars pick up where government funding leaves off. The BVL purchases sports equipment, provides music and arts programs, sponsors holiday parties, and so much more.

Locally, the Metro Detroit USBC has supported BVL since its inception, and the Greater Detroit BA and Detroit WBA previously. The John Dingell VA Hospital in downtown Detroit takes veterans from the Day Center to Thunderbowl to bowl periodically. When they go, MDUSBC picks up the tab. Each Christmas season, we host a holiday luncheon at Thunderbowl and pass out gifts, and we even sang Christmas Carols last year! Then of course, they bowl,

along with staff members from the hospital. They enjoy it so much.

This year, we are again trying to increase our contribution to BVL by selling raffle tickets during the month of October, which will coincide with the Michigan Lottery Daily 3 evening drawing. Each ticket costs \$10, and we hope to sell all 1000 numbers so that we can make our largest donation ever to our hospital. All money we raise here stays here!

Please see one of the Directors to purchase a ticket when asked, or contact our office.

Are you employed by the government and can give to the Combined Federal Campaign? This program allows federal workers to support BVL as part of the annual giving program, as well as through the USBC Honor Score Award program, permitting high score award winners to contribute what would have been the cost of their award to BVL. There are many ways to give, so please help out in any way that you can!

The Michigan Bowling Associations stepped up last season as well! The State of Michigan for the past season raised \$27,110.25 which is an increase of 55%! WTG!

29 associations donated directly to BVL, which is what we prefer, as opposed to donating directly to the hospitals. It strengthens BVL as a non-profit! Also, 4 different bowling centers donated ... not enough! I will be working on that for sure this season, so proprietors, I will be reaching out for your support this year!

We have nearly 80 bowling centers in our area. What if each one donated just \$100... it would help our VA hospital so much! The challenge is on, proprietors, please help!

BVL as a whole is up nearly \$80,000 from last year for donations!!! Great job by all!

What is your league doing to support the veterans? Why not donate one night of your league 50/50 raffle during the month of November? You can send your donation to our office, make checks out to MDUSBC and put BVL in the note box. We will be recognizing any leagues that make dona-

tions on our website. Please help out in any way that you can.

Let us not forget the freedoms we have been given by the men and women who have given so much!

Thanks to all who have served and are still serving... we salute you!

PBA Field of 20 Set for 27th Annual Round1 Japan Cup Event in Tokyo

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The 20 PBA qualifiers and invited players will be divided equally between Squads A and B for qualifying when the tournament gets underway

In addition, invitations were extended to PBA members to participate in a Pro Tour Qualifier where additional berths in the tournament will be earned. Players who accepted the PTQ invitation include Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz.; Anthony LaCaze of Melrose Park, Ill.; Jake Peters of Decatur, Ill.; Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa; Julio Cesar Blancas and Humberto Vazquez of Mexico, and John Furey of Freehold, N.J.

Koivuniemi, who defeated Japan's Yoshihiro Kaji for his second Round1 Japan Cup title and a \$71,700 first prize last December, is one of six multiple champions in the field. Bohn has won the Japan Cup four times. Jones is a three-time winner. Weber, Monacelli and W.R. Williams have each won the event two times. Barnes also has won the Cup once.

◆ *The Japan Cup, hosted by the Japan Professional Bowlers Association and PBA, and sponsored by Round1 Corporation, will be nationally televised in Japan. The finals will subsequently be webcast on a delayed basis by the PBA on its exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.*



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TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS

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• YOU JUST purchased that new miracle ball and it is a big disappointment. In fact the last three balls you purchased do practically the same thing. If you have experienced this, there are several reasons why.

First and foremost, the bowler and his or

her technique will probably have the greatest influence on whether you get different reactions from different equipment. A more skilled player who can utilize different hand positions, adjust his or her ball speed, play different angles can better appreciate sometimes very subtle differences in equipment.

Experiment with changing your hand position by starting more on the side for more length or more under the ball for an earlier roll to create different ball reactions. Learn to finesse the ball and soften the hand at release point to get the ball into an earlier roll on heavy oil and remember to get lower with your knees.

Second, your equipment choice may not match up to what you are trying to accomplish. I see some bowlers who have nothing but dull coverstocks or pearlized coverstocks. To be more competitive you should have more than just one type of coverstock.

If you have a lot of ball speed and you are a lower "rev" player you do not want a lot of equipment with high RG cores they will simply go too long before they hook in most situations. If you are going to build an arsenal you will need different covers and a mix of RG cores.

A high "rev" player that has moderate ball speed will not want every ball to be dull and designed to flare a lot. The smart player will have some equipment with less flare

for drier lane conditions and flatter oil patterns and a variety of RG Cores.

Third, too many bowling balls with the same drill patterns can easily be the culprit. There is an infinite way to layout bowling balls. You can drill the same ball and make it roll early, go longer before it hooks, hook more aggressively on the backend, arc more and roll out, etc.

So take a look at your ball layouts, they

may be drilled to pretty much do the same thing. For the sport pattern and PBA Experience leagues, you will need different layouts for these more demanding lane conditions.

◆ *Send Questions to Cheryl Daniels, P.O. Box 252, Novi, MI 48376 or e-mail me at "shebe@freeway.net" or visit www.cheryldaniels.com.*



Popular 'PBA Bowling Challenge' to Sponsor Viper Championship

The popular PBA Challenge Game, created by Concrete Software for use on mobile devices, will be presenting sponsor for the Viper Championship during the PBA World Series of Bowling V. The sponsorship is, in part, due to the game's popularity and continued growth.

The PBA Bowling Challenge has just achieved a milestone, surpassing five million downloads on Google Play, and that's before the game becomes available to iOS users (tentatively planned for late October).

According to Concrete Software:

- The PBA Bowling Challenge has 5.351 million downloads on Google Play, for Android devices;
- PBA Bowling Challenge currently boasts a 4.6 Star Rating (out of 5). It also was named to the Editors' Choice category, ranking it among "the best Android apps on Google Play."
- In September, the game averaged 20,000 new users per day, 138,000 daily active users, and an average session length of 7.14 minutes.
- There are numerous virtual goods available to purchase within the game. To date, users are purchasing (on a daily basis): 29,000 bowling balls, 27,000 "Ball Charges" (the Bomb Ball is most popular), 30,000 Energy Refreshes, 1,400 Energy Upgrades, 500 Locations, 90 Oil Patterns and 680 Opponents.

After making its debut on Jan. 15, the revamped version of the PBA game topped one million installs 16 days later, becoming the No. 1 free sports game on Google Play.

To order the PBA game in a version to fit your mobile device, visit play.google.com and enter "PBA Bowling Challenge" in the search bar.

Qualifying and match play semifinal rounds of the Viper Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge will be held Oct. 2 at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas, with the ESPN stepladder finals set for Saturday, Nov. 2. The finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m.

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Craig Nidiffer Captures His Eighth MMBA Title at Royal Scot Lanes

• CRAIG NIDIFFER, 2011 MMBA Bowler of the Year, once again proved he is one of the best players in the state (and maybe the country) by winning the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association tournament at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing.



By KEN WYATT

*Executive Director,
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Bowling Association*

Nidiffer defeated all four opponents in the step ladder finals to capture his eighth MMBA title. The championship match pitted Nidiffer against Kerry Kreft of Warren.

Kreft, looking for his second title of the year, led the semi-finalists after nine games to earn the top seed. Nidiffer was up to the task, defeating Kreft, 242-204, and received a check for \$1,000 along with a beautiful trophy provided by Royal Scot Lanes. Kreft settled for second place and received a check for \$500.

Ronnie Sparks Jr. of Redford paced the field of 48 bowlers with an impressive six-game qualifying round of 1355. The cut score to make the 12-man semi-final round was 1224.

This year's tournament at Royal Scot featured Kegel's "Highway to Hell" lane pattern. A fitting name for this oil pattern as strikes were hard to come by throughout the day. Sparks started poorly in the three game semi-final round but held on to the third seed in the step ladder finals.

The stepladder finals began with fifth seed Mason Brantley of Detroit facing fourth seed Nidiffer. This match was tight

most of the way until the eighth frame when Brantley left the 6-10 and failed to convert.

Nidiffer used a three-bagger in frames 5-7 to stretch the lead to 32. Needing only mark to shut out Brantley, Nidiffer struck on his first ball in the 10th to win, Nidiffer prevailed, 225-213. It was another disappointing finish to a good tournament for Brantley, who received a check for \$250 for his fifth-place finish.

Nidiffer then met qualifying leader Ronnie Sparks Jr. in match two. What a great match between two heavy

weights in the Michigan Majors. Both players started strong and both players had open frames (Sparks missed the 2-10 in the sixth frame and Nidiffer the 3-4-6-10 in the eighth) to bring this match down to the 10th frame.

Sparks could have shut out Nidiffer but left a 4-pin on his first ball in the 10th to finish with an even 200. Nidiffer needed to double in the 10th and made it look easy for a 203-200 victory. Sparks, who pretty much has Rookie of the year wrapped up with two wins already this year, finished fourth and received \$300 for his efforts.

J.R. Raymond was the next opponent for Nidiffer. The key frames in this match were the seventh and eighth for Raymond. Raymond was on a double heading into the seventh when a great shot resulted in a solid 10-pin. In the eighth frame Raymond left a



• ROYAL SCOT Lanes manager Randy Hull (center) is pictured with champion Craig Nidiffer (left) and runner-up Kerry Kreft (right).

4-pin and missed it to open the door for Nidiffer. Raymond had a chance in the 10th to strike out and win but another bad break resulted in solid 9-pin. Nidiffer won another close match, 222-206. Raymond received a check for \$350 for his third-place finish.

Nidiffer then met MMBA Hall of Famer Kerry Kreft in the championship match. Through the first seven frames each bowler rolled five strikes. The key shot in this match was the eighth frame for Kreft as he left the PBA washout (1-2-4-7-10) and failed to convert. Nidiffer left a 4-6 in the ninth frame but this match was over at that point, Nidiffer closed with a 242-205 victory. A disappointed Kreft settled for second place and a check for \$500.

Thanks again to Paul Kwiecien and his staff at Royal Scot Lanes for their continued support of the Michigan Majors. This year was our 30th tournament held at Royal Scot Lanes, our first tournament was held here back in 1976. A big thank-you also goes out to West Side Beer Distributing, another

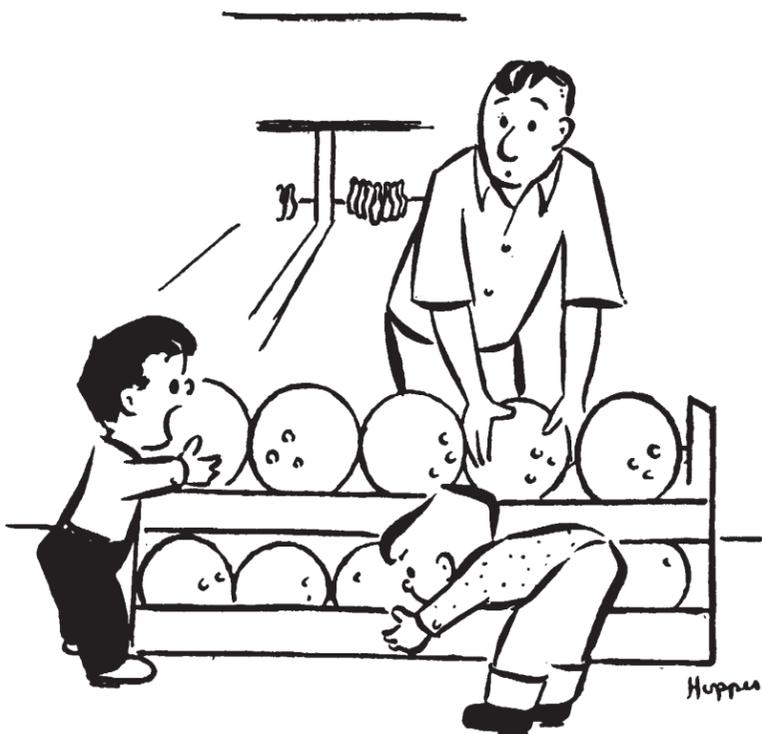
outstanding sponsor of the Michigan Majors.

• OUR NEXT tournament will be held at Bay Lanes in Bay City with a start time of 11 a.m.

• THE FINAL standings at Royal Scot Lanes: Craig Nidiffer (Trenton) \$1,000, Kerry Kreft (Warren) \$500, J.R. Raymond (Bay City) \$350, Ronnie Sparks Jr. (Redford) \$300, Mason Brantley (Detroit) \$250, Lonnie Jones (Ann Arbor) \$180, Scott Honeysett (Lansing) \$140, Carleton Chambers (Detroit) \$130, Frank Snodgrass (Roseville) \$120, Justin O'Hara (Westland) \$110, Ryan Powers (Portage) \$105, Jeff Roche (Dearborn) \$100.

◆ For information on participation or joining the Budweiser Michigan Majors, contact the tournament Office at (586) 871-7651 or visit the official website at www.michiganmajors.com.

BOWLING LAFFS



"Which balls have the hooks in them, mister?"

Pat Brown, Ray Eddy III Selected for Budweiser MMBA Hall of Fame

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carries a lifetime average of 221 for 705 games. He is currently 71st on the all-time money list with \$11,650 in earnings.

Pete Brown has been a MMBA member for 20 years, participating in 193 tournaments. Brown is a winner of three titles — Chez Ami 2000, Belmar II 2006, Galaxy 2009. He is member of the MMBA Board of Directors, has four 300 games in MMBA competition, making the finals 18 times and cashing in 55 tournaments. He carries a lifetime average of 214 for 1,420 games. He is currently 57th on the all-time money list with \$13,455 in earnings.

Eddy and Brown will receive the Hall of Fame ring, plaque and lifetime membership card at the Championship banquet held at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. Eddy will also be honored as the winner of the 2012 Championship tournament. He will receive the traditional Championship shirt.

The Michigan Majors Hall of Fame was started in 1980. There will now be 66 members with the addition of Brown and Eddy. The Hall of Fame plaques are on permanent display at Cherry Hill Lanes home of the Championship Tournament which will also be held on Sunday, Nov. 17.

— Ken Charrette, MMBA Executive Emeritus

Bowling One of the First Sports to Break Down Race Barriers

• **IDLE BOWLING** thoughts:

It is difficult to realize how difficult it was to convert bowling to an all person of all colors sport. It stated in the rules of almost all the bowling organizations that bowling was for the white race alone, and though bowling was one of the first sports to break down race barriers, it was still too long.

Dedicated bowling pioneers worked long and hard to erase the early injustices, and though the Professional Bowlers Association was founded just eight years after the rules were changed, it was from the start a group that welcomed bowlers on how well they could knock pins down and applications for PBA membership offered no clues to color or origin.

No matter how far back you go, the motto of "bring a friend" still stands as the best way to increase the number of competitive bowlers.

At 6-foot-4, Mika Koivuniemi is one of the tallest pros in action these days. All-time tallest? I'd have to go with PBA Hall-of-Famer Steve Cook who is 6-foot-7 or higher — and made a bowling ball look small in his hand.

Bowlers who scold their children for carrying useless things in their school bags should take a good long look at the contents of their bowling bags. One reason why two-ball bowling bags are so popular is that when all the clutter is in place, the bowler still has enough room for one bowling ball.

High school bowling rules, which vary in almost every state, need plenty of research. Working with the schools and working out conflicts can add still more varsity teams to the rapidly growing high school list.

When Johnny Petraglia rolled a 300 game on TV, he received phone calls from around the world. Even though he didn't win the tournament he earned a perfect game bonus of \$100,000. The first call was from actor Michael J. Fox, who had received special bowling instructions for movie scenes from Petraglia. While answering one call Petraglia was told the White House was on the other line. "I took that call real quick," said Petraglia, "And it was the White House Tavern somewhere."

Did you ever notice that the bowler who



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

keeps reminding other bowlers that it is only a game is always the bowler who is winning.

With so many tournaments around the world every year, all with their own special appeal, there's got to be a few that fit your bowling tournament profile. Read every entry blank carefully, including the fine print, and you should find an extra dimension to your bowling.

A plane filled with bowlers suddenly developed engine trouble. The bowlers sat silently, fearing the moment when they might plunge to earth. Then a soft voice from the rear of the plane broke the silence, "Anybody want to buy a bowling ball cheap?"

Some bowlers should stop using body English. It really doesn't do any good, and few bowlers have the body for it.

Boom Apparel Intercollegiate Club Championships to Debut in 2014

ATLANTA, Ga. — The 2013-14 USBC Collegiate season will see the debut of a new national championship event, rounding out four consecutive weeks of post season bowling. The BOOM Apparel Intercollegiate Club Championships will be held April 5-6, 2014 at All-Star Bowl in Indianapolis, Ind. Boom Apparel is the Presenting Sponsor.

"Boom Apparel is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Intercollegiate Club Championships" said Derek Johnson, CEO of BOOM Apparel. "These kids are the future of the sport and this is a great step to ensure that they have a place to compete and have fun. This concept matches up well with our modern, affordable brand and collegiate demographic and will be meaningful for the sport of bowling."

Currently four national championships are contested at the college level each year: National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA); National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA); National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships. The addition of the BOOM Apparel Intercollegiate Club Championships will give teams the opportunity to compete in a fifth event.

The field for the Boom Apparel Intercollegiate Club Championships will include the top 24 men's and women's programs based on the final Collegebowling.com Power Rankings. Teams will be seeded into one of four pools, and will bowl a four-game Baker match against each of the other five teams in their pool, plus a position round.

The two teams with the best record at the completion of the six matches will be directly seeded into the bracket. The remaining 16 teams will compete in a best of five, single elimination bracket to determine the champion and will take home the Glenn Carlson Cup, named in honor of the late California State University-Fresno Head Bowling Coach.

Carson served as Head Coach from 1969 to 2008. He led the women's program to 14 Intercollegiate Team Championship appearances and the men to eight appearances. Additional sponsors of the inaugural Boom Apparel Intercollegiate Club Championships include H2M Management; Storm Bowling; Turbo Grips; Ace Mitchell Bowlers Mart and Savage Bowling Pro Shops.

For more information on the Boom Apparel Intercollegiate Club Championships contact Bobby Brown, Morehead State University at r.brown@morheadstate.edu.

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